THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information received from NCT of Delhi, there are 766 part time Punjabi teachers imparting Punjabi Education in the schools of Delhi Government. KVS have informed that there are no part time teachers to teach Punjabi in their schools in Delhi.

(b) to (d) As per information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, there are three categories of Trained Punjabi Teachers with different pay scales *viz.*

(1) Teaching Primary Classes	Rs. 1690/- Per month
(2) Teaching Middle/Sec. Classes	Rs. 1820/-Per month
(3) Teaching Senior Secondary Classes	Rs. 1950/- Per month
FOR UNTRAINED TEACHERS	
X. Teaching Primary Classes	
(1) Qualification in Punjabi under graduate	Rs.1040/- per month
(2) Qualification in Punjabi upto graduate	Rs. 1170/-per month
(3) Qualification in Punjabi upto post graduate	Rs. 1300/- per month
Y. Teaching Middle/Secondary Classes	
(1) Qualification in Punjabi upto graduation or Gyani	Rs. 1170/-p.m.
(2) Qualification in Punjabi upto post graduation	Rs. 1300/-p.m.
Z. Teaching Senior Secondary Classes	Rs. 1300/-p.m.

The salaries of only trained teachers were increased in November, 1997. However, in case of those part time teachers having qualifications in Punjabi in their graduation level were given an increase of Rs. 100/- P.M. and those having M.A. in Punjabi were given increase of Rs. 200/- Per Month. The salaries of all part time Punjabi teachers trained & untrained were increased by 30% w.e.f. July, 2000.

Violence against women

4381. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Amnesty International has alleged incidents of high level of violence against women and that the local police officials ignore complaints, take bribes and let the attackers go free;

(b) whether the Amnesty has also alleged that torture women of lower castes and untouchables, who have special rights under the laws to protect them, are not protected and grievances not attended to by the police; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The draft Report prepared by the Amnesty International received from the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs has been sent by the Government to the concerned State Governments.

Preservation of mineral bearing areas

4382. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether issue of dereservation of mineral bearing areas which the State Governments have reserved for exploitation by public sector has been discussed during recently convened meeting of the Ministers of Mining and Geology;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether representations have been received from State Governments for revision of royalty rates of some minerals;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAISINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Conference of State Ministers of Mining and Geology held on 14-7-2001 discussed the status of review of unexploited areas reserved for public sector exploitation. It was decided that the States would review the areas reserved under the erstwhile Rule 58 of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 and denotify areas not required for exclusive exploitation through Public Sector Undertakings. In case of remaining areas, State Governments would send full justification area wise for continuing with reservation to the Central Government within six months.

(c) to (e) Representations are received from time to time from various State Governments regarding revision of royalty rates of minerals. Under the